

## LAND RECLAMATION AIDS EAST, HE SAYS

J. Addison Smith Shows How Western Development Produces Prosperity.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Relation of Western reclamation to the industries of the East and other widespread phases of the development of air and swamp lands were discussed at a dinner given to-night by the Western States Reclamation Association. Members of Congress, Government officials and representatives of commerce attended, but there was no formal speechmaking.

Inclusion of drainage in the Smith-McNary bill recently reported to Congress was widely discussed. J. Addison Smith, one of the authors of the bill, in a statement said reclamation is still in its infancy, yet the efforts so far have resulted in producing food values of \$150,000,000 annually.

"The reclamation projects tend to produce prosperity and relieve unemployment throughout the entire country," Mr. Smith's statement continued. "The data furnished by many Western towns almost wholly supported by reclaimed lands prove conclusively that the manufacturers of the East find the best possible market in the reclaimed districts. . . . Clothing manufactured in the New England and Atlantic States and annually shipped to the irrigated districts of the West is greater in value than the automobiles marketed in these sections."

### HAIDING MATERNITY CENTER.

Best's to Set Aside Percentage for Miss Choate's Work.

Miss Mabel Choate, president of the Maternity Center Association, 370 Seventh avenue, announced yesterday that Best & Co. had agreed to give the association a percentage of all sales made on the fourth floor for three days beginning Easter Monday, April 17. On the fourth floor are the Lilliputian Bazaar and the girls' and juniors' departments.

Miss Choate said that in 1921 one mother died for every 295 babies born, but that under the care of the Maternity Center Association only one mother died for every 500 babies. The organization through pre-natal care, proper professional aid and good nursing aims to safeguard the health of mothers and babies.

## EMPLOYEES IN PANIC OVER REPORT OF NEW SHAKEUP

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The personnel for very obvious reasons. Consequently they have failed to display any enthusiasm over the plans of the President for reorganizing the Government on a business basis instead of conducting it as a political enterprise. Predictions that the recommendations of the reorganization commission will be ignored are frequently made, and there are apparently very good reasons to justify them.

### Government Clerks Alarmed.

Government clerks, alarmed over the reports that wholesale removals in all departments are to follow those already made, unanimously assert that the real motive back of the assault on the civil service is solely partisan. The attitude of Senators and Representatives of President Harding's party synchronizes with the clerks' view of the matter.

The chief difference is that while the clerks denounce it as a "raid on the civil service" the practical politicians commend it. Few, if any of the leaders of the President's party in and out of Congress make any attempt to conceal their ambition to reclaim from the Democrats still holding office as many jobs as they can secure for their constituents. Much of the time of the President during the last thirteen months has been taken up by Senators, Representatives and outside leaders urging their claims for the spoils of political victory. The President probably has had much more difficulty in this respect than his predecessor, Mr. Wilson.

It is quite probable that some of the most embarrassing problems which have confronted President Harding actually had their origin in disputes over patronage. Senators and Representatives aggrieved over the refusal of the President to make drastic changes in the public service for their political benefit have carried their resentment to opposing recommendations made by him regarding public affairs which should not be affected by partisan differences.

### Besieged by Job Hunters.

When President Harding began his term Attorney-General Daugherty and Postmaster-General Hays were regarded as the "official distributors of patronage." Because of his close personal relations with the President and his own activities as a practical politician the Attorney-General was the target for all sorts of appeals for "recognition."

As Mr. Hays was chairman of the National Republican Committee and probably contributed much to the success of the Republican party in the election of 1920, he, too, was besieged by job hunters.

Mr. Daugherty and Mr. Hays made it clear at the beginning that their

chief concern was to perform satisfactorily the functions of their respective offices. Politicians soon tired of seeking their aid. They then proceeded to carry their demands and complaints to the White House and to take every advantage of the affability of the President. When he refused their demands, Senators and Representatives who had failed to place their henchmen into offices held by Democratic officials, inaugurated a mild system of "hazing."

They resorted to the plan of obstructing legislation requested by the President or harassing him in other ways. Although there is not the slightest justification for the claims of some of these legislative "hazers" that "they have finally brought the President to terms," some Congress members had the removal of Engraving and Printing Bureau employees as a victory for practical politics. They manifest little or no concern regarding the ethical features of the civil service law, and a few of them do not hesitate to declare that "a housecleaning" which will make room for Republican workers will promote more cordial relations between the White House and Congress and help candidates of the party in the Congressional elections.

### Civil Service League Acts.

Defenders of the civil service are manifesting the keenest interest in the removal of the engraving and printing employees in the same line. The Civil Service Reform League has addressed a letter to President Harding and Secretary Mellon protesting against the removal of the engraving employees.

It was said at the White House and the Treasury Department that no reply has been made to the letter of the league, but that one will shortly give reasons for the curtailment in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The perturbation of Government clerks was further increased to-day by the announcement of a shutdown of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for a week. The report, which greatly excited Federal employees generally, that the closing of the department would result in a drastic cut of employees, was denied by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Wadsworth.

Mr. Wadsworth said the shutdown was for the purpose of making an inventory of stock in the department, in accordance with the custom which has been followed for several years. The divisions to be closed while this is being made are the plate and surface printing, numbering, binding, stamp gumming, stamp perforating, ink mill, examining and wetting, which employ an aggregate of 4,000 of the 6,000 hands.

It is not denied, however, that "the stocktaking" may result in a substantial decrease in the number of employees in the department, justified by the decrease in the demand for Government bonds and stamps.

## BUREAU SHAKEUP STIRS CIVIL SERVICE LEAGUE

Statement Says President Should Give Reasons.

The National Civil Service Reform League, of which Secretary Hughes is a vice-president, yesterday issued a statement asserting that, as an act of simple justice, President Harding should assign his reasons for dismissal last month of the director and thirty-one employees of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The statement called attention to Section 6 of the Act of August 24, 1912, reading: "That no person in the classified civil service of the United States shall be removed therefrom except for such cause as will promote the efficiency of said service, and for reasons given in writing, and the person whose removal is sought shall have notice of the same and of any charges preferred against him, and be furnished with a copy thereof, and also be allowed a reasonable time for personally answering the same in

writing, and affidavits in support thereof; but no examination of witnesses or any trial or hearing shall be required except in the discretion of the officer making the removal."

## MISS STONE'S BROTHER INVITES HER TO IOWA

Woman Freed of Murder Going to Kentucky First.

Miss Olivia M. P. Stone, acquitted of the murder of Ellis G. Kinkaid, lawyer, received a telegram yesterday from her brother, Dr. Guy Stone, a physician in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, asking her to visit him. Miss Stone had just left the office of her lawyer, E. J. Reilly, at 37 Fulton street, Brooklyn, when she told of the invitation. She said of her brother: "He wants me to come and rest. I probably will accept. I will stay in Brooklyn a week, because I want to make myself presentable before I go back home to Kentucky. Then I may go to see my brother."

## WORK BEGINS SOON ON LOUVAIN LIBRARY

Construction of Stack and Administration Wing Is Authorized.

Cardinal Mercier's dream of a new and magnificent structure rising from the ruins of the library of the University of Louvain, destroyed during the invasion of Belgium by the Germans, before "his eyes close in death"—the Cardinal is now nearing eighty—will soon be realized in part. Authorization to construct a portion of the stack and the administration wing of the new library building, for which a fund of \$1,000,000 is now being raised among America's 640 colleges and universities as a "symbol of student pro-

test against a war of conquest and destruction," has been cabled to the Louvain authorities by President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University, chairman of the National Committee of the United States for the Restoration of the University of Louvain. It was announced yesterday.

Construction to this extent will be financed out of funds already collected and forwarded to Louvain. Authority to go ahead with the building was given in response to a report from Mar Ladeuze, rector of the university, who told of the great difficulties experienced in housing the books which, in accordance with the terms of peace, are arriving from Germany, and also, as gifts from all parts of the world.

## PALM SERVICE TO-DAY IN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

The first day of Holy Week—Palm Sunday—will be solemnly observed in all the Catholic churches in honor of the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. In memory of this the palms will be blessed and distributed. At St. Patrick's Cathedral this act

will be performed by Archbishop Hays at the high mass. There will be a sermon, the reading of the Passion being substituted instead. Father McQuade will preach at vesper.

At the Dominican Church of St. Vincent Ferrer, Lexington avenue and Sixty-sixth street, palms will be distributed at the masses at 5:30, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 10:30 and 11 o'clock. At the 11 o'clock mass the Passion and the Procession of the Palms will take place. Complete palms will take place at 3 P. M., at which service the Rev. J. R. Heffernan will preach. The feature at St. Ignatius's, Park avenue and Eighty-fourth street, will be the rendition of the incidental music proper to the elaborate function of the day by the church choir. The Passion will be sung by Fathers Kilgus, Jansen and Mahoney of the Jesuits.

Night workers had their service at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, in West Thirty-first street, at 2:30 A. M., with the blessing and distribution of the palms. The vesper service, beginning at 8 P. M., will close with benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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